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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON ACTING CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS ABDELLAH BENKIRANE NOV 14 AND DELIVERED TEXT AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL B. BENKIRANE THANKED EMBOFF FOR AIDE MEMOIRE AND INDICATED IT WOULD HELP GOM IN DETERMINING HOW TO VOTE ON THIS QUESTION THIS YEAR. BENKIRANE NOTED THAT, WHEN HE WAS AT UNGA EARLIER IN FALL, HE HAD PRESENTED RACHID LAHWI (PHONETIC SPELLING) OF MOROCCAN PERMANENT MISSION TO U.S. DELEGATION. LAHWI, BENKIRANE SAID, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND SO WOULD BE FOLLOWING SALARY INCREASE QUESTION.

2. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL C) BENKIRANE HAS DEALT EXTENSIVELY WITH SALARY INCREASE PROBLEM. AT NOV 14 MEETING, HE PROFESSED HIMSELF OVERWHELMED BY COMPLEXITY THIS ISSUE AND COULD NOT FOR MOMENT SEE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOR IT. ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF INCREASE, HE SAID, WAS THAT UN OFFICIALS SERVING IN CITIES OTHER THAN NEW YORK (HE CITED
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GENEVA AND PARIS) WERE DISADVANTAGED. HE SEEMED TO AGREE

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WITH ARGUMENTATION IN REFTELS A AND B THAT NEW YORK BASED UN PERSONNEL DID NOT NEED INCREASE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, SUCH BODIES AS COMITE POUR LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE INTERNATIONALE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A FAIR SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION FOR INFLATION AND DEVALUATION AND SO FOR THE MOMENT FAVORED ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE. BENKIRANE NOTED THAT A PERMANENT COMMISSION WAS BEING SET UP TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND AND HE HOPED IT WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT MOROCCAN POSITION ON THIS MATTER NOT YET SET. WE SUGGEST THAT USUN FOLLOW UP WITH LAHWI IN NEW YORK.
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